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SUBJ: YOUTH PARA: NARRATIVE RESPONSE

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1. FOLLOWING NARRATIVE RESPONSES KEYED TO REFTELS.

2. IB - RATIONALE. THE SUDAN HAS BEEN UNDER MILITARY RULE FOR TEN OF ITS SEVENTEEN YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE AND ARMY IS SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN INTERNAL POLITICS. NO LEADER CAN RULE WITHOUT ITS SUPPORT AND WE EXPECT THE ARMY TO REMAIN AN IMPORTANT SOURCE FUTURE SUDANESE LEADERS.

YOUNG BUREAUCRATS, ESPECIALLY IN ECONOMIC MINISTRIES, ARE ASSUMING GREATER IMPORTANCE AS SUDAN ADOPTS MORE PRAGMATIC, DEVELOPMENT- ORIENTED POLICY. THEY WILL BE INCREASINGLY INFLUENTIAL IN PROMOTING US TRADE WITH AND INVESTMENT IN THE SUDAN. THEY WILL ALSO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-- AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF GOS DRIVE SATISFY INTERNAL POPULAR ASPIRATIONS AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTE TO POLITICAL STABILITY. EDUCATION AND STUDENT LEADERS FORM AN ACCESSIBLE CATEGORY AND ARE A PRIME SOURCE OF FUTURE LEADERSHIP. YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS MIGHT ALSO EMERGE FROM THE SUDAN'S NEWLY ESTABLISHED SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY, THE SUDAN SOCIALIST UNION AS WELL AS THE

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PEOPLE' S ASSEMBLY. THE SSU PARTY STRUCTURE AND THE PEOPLE' S ASSEMBLY. THE SSU PARTY STRUCTURE AND THE POEPL' S ASSEMBLY MIGHT WELL SERVE AS FORUMS FOR YOUNG MEN WITH POLITICAL AMBITION AND ABILITIES.

3. IC - SHORT- TERM YOUTH IMPACT. NO YOUTH GROUP, PER SE, APPEARS TO HAVE POTENTIAL TO AFFECT SIGNIFICANTLY US INTERESTS FAVOR- ABLY OR UNFAVORABLY OVER NEXT FEW YEARS UNDER PRESENT REGIME. A POSSIBLE EXCEPTION WOULD BE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, WHO MIGHT MILITATE AGAINST US POSITION IN ARAB- ISRAELI MATTERS IF EVENTS BECAME SUFFICIENTLY TRAUMATIC E. G., WIDE- SCALE ARMED CONFLICT.

4. II B - RATIONALE. FIRST OBJECTIVE IS THE MOST GENERAL, BUT YET PROMISES THE GREATEST IMPACT ON TOTAL US INTERESTS IN SUDAN. IF THIS OBJECTIVE IS REALIZED, OTHERS WOULD BE REALIZED MORE READILY. SECOND TWO OBJECTIVES ARE CLOSELY RELATED. SINCE JULY 1971, NATIONAL UNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN TOP PRIORITIES OF NIMAIRI REGIME. IMPORTANT FACTORS IN BOTH ARE US TRADE AND INVESTMENT AND THEIR INTERRELATIONSHIP TO US FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE FURTHER DEVELOP- MENT SUDAN' S PRAGMATIC POSTURE AND AT SAME TIME WORK TO INCREASE US TRADE AND INVESTMENT. THE SUDAN COULD PROVE AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER " HAVE NOT" ARAB STATES OF HOW TO ATTAIN A PRODUCTIVE AND NON- IDEOLOGICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US IN SPITE OF THE ARAB- ISRAELI CONFLICT.

FINAL TWO OBJECTIVES ARE MORE SPECIFIC AND WEIGHTED LESS BECAUSE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SPILLOVER FROM THE FIRST THREE MORE GENERAL OBJECTIVES. MOST CONTACT AND REPORTING SHOULD BE IN RELATION TO YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS, EDUCATORS, STUDENTS AND BUREAUCRATS.

5. III A - IMPROVEMENT OF RESOURCES. CURRENTLY FEW RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR OUR PRIORITY OBJECTIVES AMONG MILITARY OFFICERS THROUGH SOME INCREASE IN THIS AREA WILL BECOME AVAILABLE UNDER CURRENT PLANNING.

ACADEMIC GRANTS TO BRING AMERICAN LECTURES TO UNIV KHARTOUM SHOULD BE INCREASED. THE SCHOOL IS MAKING EARNEST EFFORT UP- GRADE QUALITY OF ITS STAFF AND A US CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE VERY PRODUCTIVE. CONFIDENTIAL

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INSTITUTION OF A MODEST AID PROGRAM IN FY 74 WILL FACILITATE OPPORTUNITIES TO CULTIVATE AND TRAIN YOUNG MEMBERS OF THE RELATIVELY HIGH- QUALITY AND RESPECTED CIVIL SERVICE.

6. III B - PRIVATE RESOURCES. FORD FOUNDATION ACADEMIC GRANTS WOULD BE USEFUL COMPLEMENT TO CU GRANTS NOTED ABOVE. IN FACT

ALMOST ANY PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THE EDUCATION FIELDS (UNIVERSITY, SECONDARY OR VOCATIONAL) WOULD BE WELCOME.

THE WORK OF US MISSIONARY AND CHURCH GROUPS IN SOUTHERN SUDAN, THOUGH ONCE SOURCE OF SOME FRICTION WITH GOS, SEEMS TO BE GOING SMOOTHLY SINCE ADDIS ACCORD. A MODEST INCREASE IN THIS EFFORT WOULD HELP THE SOUTH AND PROBABLY NOT DISTURB CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

7. III C - PEACE CORPS - N/A

8. IV B. IN TERMS OF OVERALL US INTERESTS, YOUTH HAS ONLY MEDIUM IMPORTANCE IN THE SUDAN. NORMAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RAPID ADVANCEMENT IN GOVERNMENT, THE MILITARY, OR THE SCHOOLS ARE LIMITED. THESE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE GOS IS ENCOURAGING REMOVAL OF SOME OF THE SENIOR DEADWOOD IN THE BUREAUCRACY IN ORDER TO PROMOTE YOUNGER MEN, BUT THE SHORT- TERM PROSPECTS ARE NOT BRIGHT.

MOREOVER, YOUTH ITSELF IS NOT RECOGNIZED AS A VALID SOCIAL ENTITY BY MOST SUDANESE. THERE IS NO CULT OF YOUTH AND NO PRESSING SENSE OF OBLIGATION TO SATISFY YOUTH ASPIRATIONS. RATHER THE REVERSE IS TRUE; IT IS THE YOUNG WHO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TOWARD THEIR ELDERS, SPECIFICALLY TO THE FAMILY, BUT ALSO TO THE SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.
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